

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-0013-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0234  
MARCH 7, 2000

IN RE: Proceeding to Address Performance Measures ) ORDER RESCINDING  
and Third Party Testing of Operations ) ORDER NO. 2000-0126  
Support Systems (OSS) of BellSouth ) ESTABLISHING  
Telecommunications, Inc. ) PREFILE DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Motion for an Extension of Time to Prefile Testimony filed by the Commission Staff.

By Order No. 2000-0126, dated February 8, 2000, the Commission established prefilings dates in this generic proceeding to address inter-carrier quality of service measures, including performance measures, performance guarantees, penalties, and liquidated damages provisions, and third party testing of Operations Support Systems (“OSS”) of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”). By its Motion, the Staff requested an extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits pursuant to Order No. 2000-0126. As reasoning for its Motion, Staff offered that several of the intervening parties to the docket had requested that the Commission modify the schedule in this proceeding and further stated that the Staff wished to postpone filing of its prefiled testimony until after the Commission ruled on the request for modification of the schedule. The requested modification of the schedule in this docket referenced by the

Staff in its Motion involved a request from four parties that the Commission convert the formal hearing scheduled for March 20, 2000, into an informal proceeding and that the Commission consider conducting separate informal conferences addressing OSS testing and performance measures.

Upon consideration of the Staff's Motion, the Commission finds and concludes that Order No. 2000-0126, which established prefiling dates in the instant docket, should be rescinded. By Order No. 2000-0232, dated March 7, 2000, the Commission granted the request of several parties to convert the formal proceeding scheduled in this docket into an informal proceeding. Further, the Commission, in Order No. 2000-0232, ordered that separate proceedings should be conducted on the issues of performance measures and third party OSS testing. As the Commission has changed the nature of the proceedings from formal to informal proceedings, Order No. 2000-0126 is no longer appropriate. Therefore, the Commission rescinds its Order No. 2000-0126 which established prefiling dates for the formal proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Order No. 2000-0126, dated February 8, 2000, which established prefiling dates in the instant docket, is rescinded.

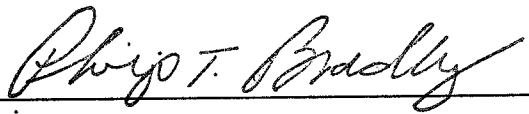
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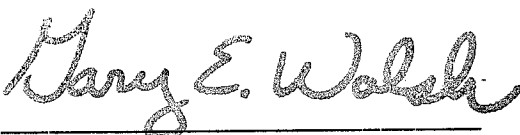
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2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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